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1. RE PARA 4, REFTEL: APPROPRIATE EMBASSY CONTACTS IN FRG MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY SAY THAT THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP IN TRIPARTITE UK-FRG-NETHERLANDS GAS CENTRIFUGE PROJECT (URENCO). WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEW MEMBERS COULD JOIN BUT THAT THE "INITIATION FEE" WOULD BE VERY HIGH.

2. URENCO, HOWEVER, WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTRACT FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES. IN FRG VIEW, CAPACITY OF PLANNED CENTRIFUGE PLANTS MUST INCREASE STEADILY TO MAKE FULL UTILIZATION OF ESTABLISHED CENTRIFUGE PRODUCTION LINES. IF SPAIN, OR ANY OTHER NATION IS INTERESTED, CONTRACTS MAY BE NEGOTIATED SUBJECT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT ON PRICE AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE. OUR FRG

TECHMIN CONTACTS ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY COULD MEET
REASONABLE FIRM REQUIREMENTS EVEN BEYOND PLANNED
2000 TONNES/SWU PER YEAR IN 1982 BECAUSE LEAD TIME
FOR EXPANSION IN CENTRIFUGE PRODUCTION AND
INSTALLATION IS ONLY SOME FOUR YEARS.
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